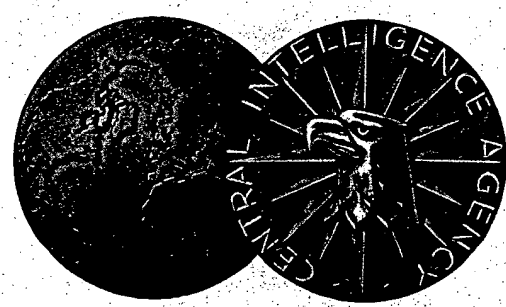


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EASTERN EUROPE

Communist Penetration Soviet determination to use the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) and its component national youth movements as instruments for the penetration of western European armed forces is suggested by a report that WFDY delegates recently attended a secret Paris conference held for this purpose. Although the WFDY has become an increasingly effective arm of Communist propaganda (it claims 50 million members in 60 countries), it has ostensibly left penetration work to Communist Party cadres. The Soviet delegate at the Paris Conference, however, reportedly discussed "disintegration work and the training of partisans," citing Communist activity in the French Army as an example for British and US youth groups, and calling for "conscript clubs" as the initial step in such work. Plans for such increased penetration activity are also indicated by: (1) the Kremlin's designation of an important Soviet Youth official to attend the Paris meeting; (2) an appeal by the WFDY to younger army elements; and (3) an accelerated campaign by the WFDY to bolster European and Latin American support for the Soviet drive in "defense of peace."

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SOVIET UNION

Soviet Intentions Recent Soviet and Satellite propaganda indicates that the Kremlin may now consider the early formation of an east German state to offer several advantages. Rather than attempt to cast the blame for a split Germany upon the western powers by waiting until the establishment of a west German provisional government, the USSR may now "justify" formation of an east German state which claims sovereignty over all of Germany on the grounds that current plans for a west German state are

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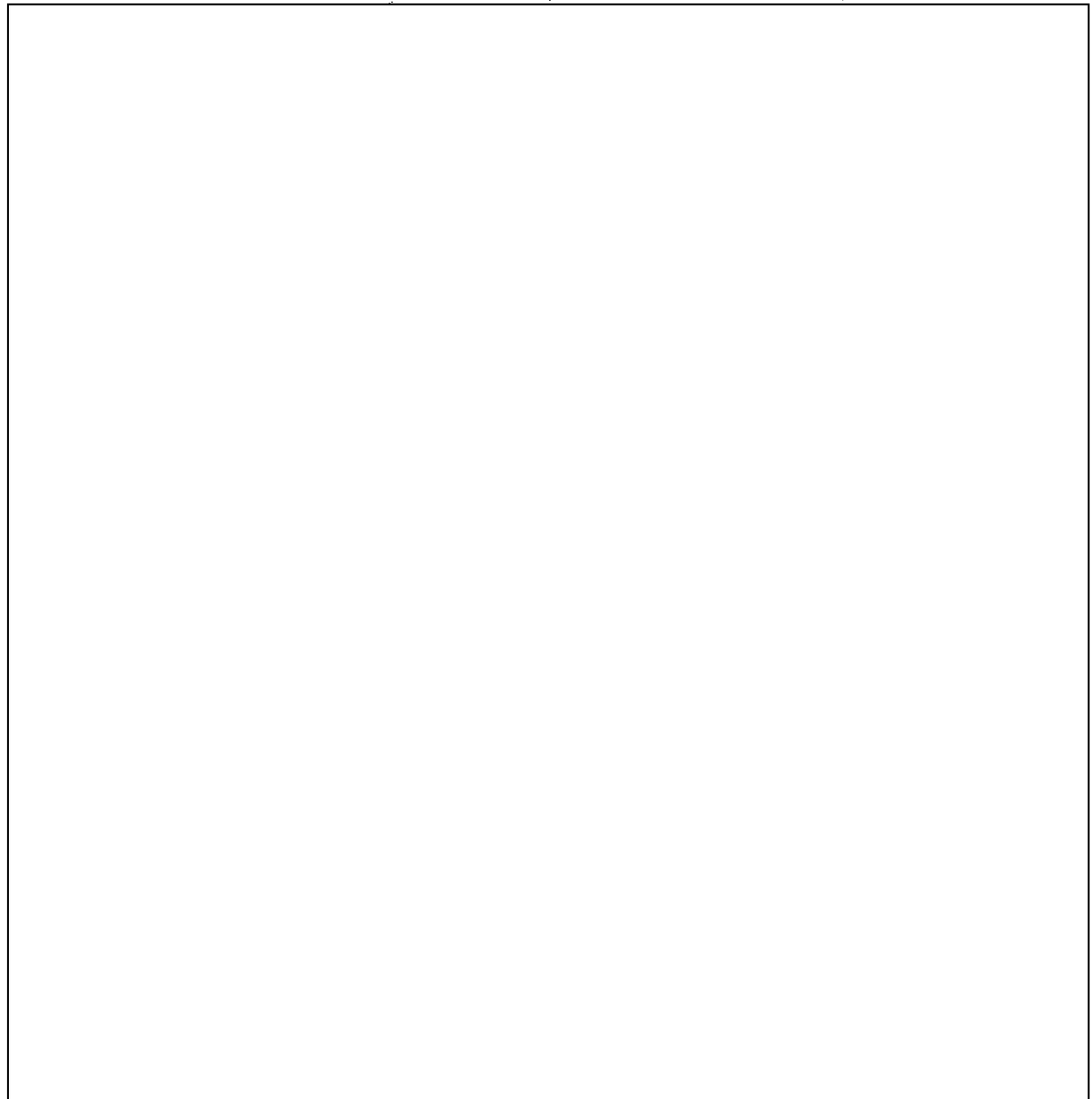
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virtually completed. Such propaganda claims, however, would have little effect within Germany. Although actual Soviet troop withdrawals following establishment of the new state would depend upon how quickly the USSR could safely transfer authority to the German puppet regime, the USSR could easily recognize the new German state and then accede to its request for the continued presence of Soviet soldiers. The Kremlin would probably estimate that such an arrangement, if accompanied by partial withdrawal and implying later complete withdrawal, would have a propaganda appeal throughout Germany and could result in increased demands for withdrawal of the western powers. In addition to these advantages for the USSR, some measure of Soviet prestige within Germany might be salvaged and general attention would be temporarily diverted from the Berlin blockade. Moreover, the USSR could avoid at least partial responsibility for the continuation of the blockade by insisting that the Communist rump government had control over Berlin. In any event, such an action would have the effect of interjecting an allegedly legal government for all Germany into the Berlin conflict.

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KOREA

Increased Sovietization **Increased military and economic cooperation between Korea and the USSR points up a trend toward a Soviet satellite system in the Far East comparable to that already established in eastern**

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KOREA

Europe. In a recent pact, the (North) Korean People's Republic reportedly granted naval bases to the Soviet Pacific Fleet and agreed to develop several port facilities under the direction of Soviet engineers. The Soviet pattern is also apparent in North Korean economic developments. Joint stock companies have been set up in which the USSR claims a 50% share as its price for having eliminated the Japanese. Other reported agreements regulate the supply of Korean labor for work in the USSR and the nationalization of major industries and national industries. A Soviet system of agricultural collectivization may emerge slowly.

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